IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

WRIT PETITION No. 22235 OF 1994

Between:

1. P.V. Suryanarayana, S/o P. Papa Rao, aged 34 years,

Personal Assistant, (Gazetted),

Peshi of Hon'ble Upa-Lokayukta,

I/o A.P. Lok Ayukta & Upa-Lokayukta,

Basheerbag, Hyderabad.

2. L. Laxminarayana, S/o L. Krishna Murthy, age 36 years,

Personal Assistant (Gazetted),

Peshi of Hon'ble Lokayukta,

I/o A.P. Lok Ayukta & Upa-Lokayukta,

Basheerbagh, Hyderabad.

3. V.B.G.Sekhar Reddy, S/olate V.Gangi Reddy,

age 32 years, Personal Assistant (Gazetted),

Peshi of Registrar,

I/o A.P. Lok Ayukta & Upa-Lok Ayukta,

Basheerbagh, Hyderabad. **..PETITIONERS**

AND

1. State of Andhra Pradesh,

Rep. by its Secretary,

General Administration (SC-D) Department,

Hyderabad.

2. The A.P. Lok Ayukta and Upa-Lok Ayukta,

Rep. by its Registrar, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad.

3. The Pay and Accounts Officer,

Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed herein the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, directing the respondents to pay the Special Pay to the petitioners on par with the Private Secretaries working in the Peshies of Hon'ble Ministers and Secretaries in the Secretariat, sanctioned in G.O.Ms.No.216 Finance and Planning (FW.TA) Department, dated 27.05.1993, as required under Rule-17 read with Schedule-II of the Andhra Pradesh Lok Ayukta and Upa-Lok Ayukta (Officers and Employees) Service Rules, 1986.

Counsel for the Petitioners: Mr. T.K. Sridhar

Counsel for the Respondents: G.P. for General Administration

The Court made the following :

ORDER:

The relief sought for in this writ petition is to direct the respondents to pay Special Pay to the petitioners on par with the Private Secretaries working in the Peshies of the Honourble Ministers, Secretaries in the Secretariat and the Honourable Judges of this Court.

It is stated by the petitioners, in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, that they are working as Personal Assistants in the office of the A.P. Lok Ayukta and Upa-Lok Ayukta and that they are entitled for parity with the Private Secretaries and Secretaries referred to above.

A counter affidavit has been filed on behalf of the

1st respondent wherein, among other averments, it is stated that the petitioners have chosen to approach this Court seeking the relief of parity in special pay without even submitting a representation to the competent authorities.

Mr. T.K. Sridhar, learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the petitioners herein would submit a detailed representation within one month and seeks a direction to the respondents to consider the representation and to pass appropriate orders thereon.

The Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction that the petitioners shall submit their representation to the respomndents and the respondents are directed to consider the same and pass appropriate orders thereon, in accordance with law, within three months from the date of receipt of the representation. No costs.

RAMESH RANGANATHAN, J

Date:08-07-2005.

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To

1. The Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh,
General Administration (SC-D) Department,
Hyderabad.

2. The Registrar, A.P. Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta,
Basheerbag, Hyderabad.

3. The Pay and Accounts Officer,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

4. Two copies to G.P. for General Administration,
High Court of A.P., Hyderabad (O.U.T.).

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